

favorite species are not always those of nature. And, although Laughing Gulls may be decreasing in New England, they are increasing steadily on the New Jersey coast.

Finally, may I repeat that I try to avoid sentimentality and would very much prefer fewer Herring Gulls and more Laughing Gulls in the south seas of Massachusetts. But I want to be assured that there will be reasonable coordination between the various services of Fish and Wildlife so that I can plan my small contribution to bird banding with a minimum waste of time, energy and money. And further, as a conservationist, I want to be sure that control measures are based on sound research.

In writing for publication in the past, I have referred to Muskeget as the island of mocking laughter. The cries of Laughing Gulls suggest the futility and failure of man's short-sighted attempts to control nature. Let us listen to them and take warning.

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